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## GENERAL NOTES.

The Bridled Tern (Sterna anathetus) in South Carolina.—Mr. Walter Hoxie has sent me a specimen of this species shot August 25, 1885 (immediately after a hurricane), at Frogmore, South Carolina. It is a young male in fresh and very perfect autumnal plumage. The occurrence of this species in the United States has been previously open to some doubt, although Mr. George N. Lawrence has a specimen (formerly in the Audubon collection) which is labelled as having been taken in Florida.—William Brewster. Cambridge. Mass.

The Wild Swan in Prince Edward Island.—For several days previous to the 7th of October Mr. Wm. Stead, of Wheatly River, Prince Edward Island, observed a large bird in company with his flock of Geese. After making several unsuccessful attempts at capturing the stranger, he finally shot it. It proved to be an American Wild Swan, measuring 6 feet 6 inches in extent, and 4 feet 9 inches from tip of bill to toe.

This is the first recorded instance of the capture of a Wild Swan in Prince Edward Island, and shows how rarely these birds, though breeding in the Far North of Hudson's Bay, visit in their migrations the extreme east of the Continent.—F. BAIN. North River, Prince Edward Island.

Sandpipers at Sea.—On May 6 of this year, I was a passenger on the steamer 'St. Laurent,' which sailed from New York at 10 A.M., with a light east wind and clear weather. May 7 and 8 the wind held east,